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## TWO PITCHFORKS

### Senator Tillman Buys a Pair of New Pitchforks.

Senator Tillman spent the day in Columbia on the 22d ult., on personal business, according to press dispatches, passing most of the time with his friend, Dr. Babcock. He returned to his home at Trenton on the afternoon train and carried with him two real pitchforks.

The senator bought the pitchforks uptown and had them sent down to the union station for him at train time. They were wrapped up in paper until they were unrecognizable, and when he told Dr. Babcock what was in the bundle the doctor insisted they ought to be unwrapped and carried openly by the senator, so the paper was taken off and Pitchfork Ben toted the two pitchforks home on the train without any concealment. Two of the senator's friends, Congressman Lever and Mr. R. I. Manning, happened to be present and assisted in the opening up of the characteristic packages. It was seen that the tines were tipped with gold and the senator was twitted about hoisting the gold standard against which he used to proclaim eloquently in the days of "16 to 1 or bust."

But the senator is very much more interested these days in pitchforks agricultural than pitchforks political. The news that there will be at least one candidate to oppose him for re-election, Col. W. J. Talbert does not seem to have disturbed him at all. Senator Tillman expects to make at least a few speeches. The senator enjoys meeting the people, and only the strict orders of his physicians and of Mrs. Tillman, who has always been his chief adviser, have prevented him from going around more this summer. It is his determination to offer for a fourth term in the senate. That may be set down as certain.

If Senator Tillman is re-elected, or re-nominated in the 1912 primary, he will on the 4th of March, 1913, begin his fourth term as senator from South Carolina. Having served as governor from 1891 to 1895, he was first elected to the senate in 1894 to succeed Gen. M. C. Butler, and took his seat on 4th of March, 1895. He was re-elected again in 1900 and again in 1906, both times without opposition. Col. W. Jasper Talbert, formerly congressman, has announced he will be a candidate for senator next year, no matter who else runs. Gov. Bleasie has announced that he will be a candidate for senator if Mr. Tillman is not in the race; otherwise he will seek re-election as governor.

### North Pickens Appointments.

The following are the appointments of Rev. E. L. Thomason, Pastor of the North Pickens circuit for the Year of our Lord, 1911. Let everybody encourage the preacher by keeping his appointments in mind and giving him good congregations: Porter's Chapel 1st Sun. 11a. m. Friendship 1st Sun. 3 p. m. Bethel 2d Sun. 11 a. m. New Hope 2d Sun. 3 p. m. McKinnie's Chapel 2d Sun 11 a. m. Salem 4th Sun. 11 a. m.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Crenshaw, and little daughter, Lois, of Marietta, Route 2, were pleasant callers at our office last Monday.

## Property and Taxes.

The auditor's books of this county would astonish many if they could go through them and unravel the mass of figures they contain.

For the present year they show a gain in taxable property, but the percentage of increase is not as large as it should be, and not as large as it will be. The greatest gain is in personal property which is unusual considering the fine and high-priced lands in the county.

Here are the figures of the total assessment for taxes for 1910 and 1911: Real estate 1910, \$1,452,857; 1911, \$1,452,939, or a gain of only \$82. Personal property 1910, \$1,476,494; 1911, \$1,653,255, or a gain of \$176,761. The total gain for 1911 is \$212,425. It will be noticed that there is \$200,316 more personal property than real estate. This makes a bad showing for one of the best counties in the state where lands are selling from \$25 to \$200 per acre.

The auditor has furnished us with a statement of gains and losses in taxable property by townships for 1911 over 1910, as follows:

Easley gained.....	\$2,602.00
Liberty gained.....	18.00
Central gained.....	865.00
Hurricane lost.....	1,196.00
Pickens gained.....	853.00
Dacusville gained.....	1,668.00
Pumpkintown lost.....	650.00
Eastatoe gained.....	1,056.00

The increase in taxable values of specific kinds of property is as follows: Ranks, \$20,032.00; cotton mills, \$188,200.

The banks in this county pay taxes on \$146,874, the cotton mills \$989,340, the oil mills, 30,500, telephone and telegraph companies \$35,764, the Southern railroad \$857,618 and the Pickens railroad \$17,040. The total assessment for 1911, \$4,000,155.96, of which the corporations assessments are \$2,000,771.36, which leaves the property owned by individuals assessed at \$1,900,384.60. In other words, the corporations pay taxes on \$1,386.76 more than the people.

The auditor has also furnished us with a list showing the amount of taxes to be collected this year for the various purposes, as follows:

State tax.....	\$ 23,099.19
Ordinary county.....	24,093.58
Sinking fund.....	5,019.50
Rural police (const)....	2,007.79
Past indebtedness.....	1,003.90
Public roads.....	10,033.99
Pickens R. R. bonds....	1,506.60
3-mill school.....	12,046.79
Special school.....	17,457.94
Polls.....	3,578.00
Dogs.....	724.00

Total.....\$100,570.28

### The Race in the Third.

The daily papers of this state published last week the following news from Anderson:

"From present indications it seems that the approaching race for congress from this, the Third district, is going to be a triangular affair, with Wyatt Aiken, the incumbent; Jas. H. Craig, county auditor, and Dr. E. C. Doyle, of Seneca, as principals. Auditor Craig has been in county politics for five years, having served two terms as auditor and now serving the third. He is well known over the district, is aggressive and is popular. Dr. Doyle will also make a formidable candidate, being well known in the district. There are no other candidates at present."

It is worth while to strive for something high, even though you fail to reach it. The man who tries to climb a mountain may not get to the top, but he will get higher than the one who stays at the foot.

## FOR SERIOUS THOUGHT.

### The Bible.

The character of all true liberty.

The forerunner of all civilization.

The mold of institutions and governments.

The fashion of law.

The secret of national progress.

The guide of history.

The ornament and main-spring of literature.

The friend of science.

The inspiration of philosophers.

The text-book of ethics.

The light of the intellect.

The answering to the deepest of human heart hungering.

The soul of all strong heart life.

The illuminator of darkness.

The foe of superstition.

The enemy of oppression.

The uproot of sin.

The regulator of all high and all worthy standards.

The comfort in sorrow.

The strength in weakness.

The pathway of perplexity.

The escape from temptation.

The steadier in the day of power.

The embodiment of all lofty ideals.

The begetter of life.

The promise of the future.

The star of death's night.

The revealer of God.

The guide and the hope and the inspiration of man.—Western Christian Advocate.

### Woman's Position in Africa.

Dr. Dennis says: "Woman in Africa is regarded as a scandal and a slave, a drudge and a disgrace, a temptation and a terror, a blemish and a burden at once the touch-stone and stumbling-block of human systems, the sign and shame of the non-Christian world."

Polygamy is universally practiced; a man's social standing often depends upon the number of his wives. As the women do all the work, the man who has a number of wives stands a better chance to become rich through their service.

M. E. Ritzman, in the Missionary Record for April, says: "The African husband, as a rule, is a lazy, exacting, indolent man. Woman is his drudge. While her lord and master lounges, snuffs, smokes, hunts, guzzles beer, or gads from kraal to kraal discussing a recent case of witchcraft, or gorges himself with meat like a boar-constrictor, she, with a child on her back, and a heavy load on her shoulders, goes to the fields, digs the hard soil all day long or pulls the rank weeds from the garden, for she is both miller and baker, cook and farmer, and beast of burden."

Woman's position is well illustrated by the story of the native African who ordered his wife to carry him on her shoulders over a deep and perilous ford of a river. She obeyed his command successfully. The husband on being remonstrated with by a white man, asked in astonishment, "Then whose wife should carry me over if my own does not?"

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## THE LABEL CASE

### Former Members of the Dispensary Board Placed on Trial.

Press dispatches from Columbia announce the trial of L. W. Boykin and John Bell Towill, former members of the state liquor dispensary board; W. O. Tatum, former commissioner of the dispensary; M. A. Goodman, a liquor salesman, and Dennis Weiskopf, a Cincinnati business man, were placed on trial in that city on a charge of conspiring to defraud the state.

The case is what is known as the dispensary scandal and has been on the docket several years.

It is alleged that Boykin, Towill and Tatum, as members of the board, through Goodman and Weiskopf, purchased from a Cincinnati concern \$35,000 worth of labels for whisky bottles, and that \$22,000 of this amount was returned to the state officers as "graft."

The supply of labels bought in 1905 was enough to last the state ten years. The dispensary was abolished in 1907.

The charge against Boykin, Towill and Tatum is conspiracy to defraud the state. The indictment against M. A. Goodman, a liquor salesman, on the same charge, has been nolle prossed. The conspiracy against Weiskopf, of Cincinnati, also for conspiracy to defraud the state, will likely be not pressed after he has testified in the present case. There is also an indictment standing against Weiskopf charging perjury in his testimony before the investigating committee when he swore he had not paid rebates to any one connected with the dispensary.

Later dispatches from Columbia, Tuesday morning, say:

"After nearly 35 hours' deliberation upon the testimony and the law, a jury of 12 citizens of Richland county declared itself Monday morning unable to reach an agreement as to whether L. W. Boykin, J. B. Towill and W. O. Tatum, former state dispensary officials, are guilty or not guilty of the charge of conspiracy to defraud the state in the purchase of 21,000,000 labels for the old state dispensary. It is understood that the majority of the jury were for acquittal."

### The Cigarette Habit.

As a result of a campaign on the part of teachers and students at Mars Hill College in North Carolina, a large quantity of cigarettes and smoking tobacco was recently consigned to the flames and a bonfire made on the campus. Resolutions were adopted calling on the merchants of the town to discontinue the sale of smoking tobacco and cigarettes.

This step is commendable and worthy of consideration in other towns and communities of our country. There is scarcely any place where this habit is unknown and not practiced, and the lamentable part of it is daily increasing.

Numbers of boys addicted to the cigarette habit have traced their misfortunes and downfall to it. Wrecked health, prisons and asylums testify to its deadly work.

It would be a blessed thing if the merchants would all agree not to sell the poisonous things. And great good would result to the coming generations if all our schools should deter-

mine as Mars Hill. Let it be adopted in all the schools as a rule of discipline that the boy found with a cigarette and using them should receive a demerit.

Henry Muller, a pious German, who lived two hundred years ago, used to say: "When I look upon the youth of our day I see six grave-diggers. The first is called 'Drunkenness,' the second 'Lust,' the third 'Wrath,' the fourth 'Disobedience to Parents,' the fifth 'Bad Company,' and the sixth 'Idleness.' Were he living to-day he would have included that mighty giant, and the one who is digging more graves than all the others except drunkenness, 'The Cigarette.'"

### Little Fay Smith Dead.

Little Fay Smith, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Smith of Easley, who was injured by an automobile driven by Mr. Warren Smith at Easley Tuesday afternoon of last week, died last Saturday morning in the Earle Sanitarium at Greenville where she had been carried for treatment. Her body was carried to Fairview church cemetery five miles below Easley and interred last Sunday.

This was a most deplorable accident and the third fatal accident to occur in this county in the short space of one week.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have the tender sympathy of all their friends in this sore affliction.

Immediately after the death of the child Coroner Medlin went to Easley, and empanelled a jury of inquest. Testimony from all who saw the occurrence and Mr. Warren Smith, the driver of the machine, was taken and after considering it for a short while the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that the child came to its death from injuries received by an automobile driven by Mr. Warren Smith. Under a verdict of this kind, the Coroner says, he would have to hold Mr. Smith on a charge of murder and so informed the Sheriff. After this verdict was rendered some of the members of the jury became dissatisfied with their finding and asked permission of the Coroner to reconsider the case. The Coroner was doubtful whether he had the power to re-open it or not and communicated with a prominent lawyer at this place. Upon advice the Coroner decided to re-open the investigation which will be done Friday (tomorrow) at Easley.

It is said that Mr. Warren Smith is almost crazed with grief on account of the fatal accident, and it is the general opinion that it was purely an accident. It seems incredible to believe that a sane man would carelessly, wilfully or negligently do such a thing.

### Secret Order Meetings.

Masonic—A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon.

Chapter—R. A. M. meets Friday nights on or after the full moon.

K. of P.—Meets every Monday night after the first and third Sundays.

W. O. W.—Meets every first and third Tuesday nights.

City Council meets Tuesday nights after first Mondays.

The Pickens Association will meet with Nine Forks church on the 11th inst., and continue for three days.

## Death of Mrs. Fields Hayes

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. Fields Hayes were shocked to hear of her death which occurred at her home five miles northeast of here last Monday morning. She was taken ill Sunday and gradually grew worse until the end came. Medical aid and all that could be done for her availed nothing. The immediate cause of her death was acute indigestion.

Mrs. Hayes was a daughter of the late T. J. Childs, and leaves a husband, several children and brothers and sisters besides a host of friends to mourn her death. She was about 45 years old and had been for many years a consistent member of Griffin Baptist church. The funeral services and interment took place at Griffin the day following her death conducted by the pastor Rev. W. J. Foster. We tender sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones in their sorrow.

### Another Sad Death.

It seems that accidents like trouble never come single, and it is painful to have to chronicle another in our county within a week. Last Thursday afternoon after Mr. B. H. Whitmire, who lives near Cedar Rock, had finished his day's work and was watering his mules at the well, one of them became playful and began to pull and run backward. Mr. Whitmire's two-year-old child was in the yard and the mule was backing toward it. Mr. Whitmire, finding that to release the mule the child would escape, turned it loose. As he did so the mule ran backward over the child and stepped on its head, fracturing the skull, from which the child died in about two hours.

The funeral was held at Cedar Rock church the next day, conducted by Rev. C. A. Waters.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmire have the tender sympathy of hosts of friends in their sad bereavement.

### Pickens County Lands the Best.

A prominent business man of Greenville reached Pickens last Saturday morning in his automobile, coming from Anderson by Liberty. He was accompanied by another gentleman and one of our townsmen. He stated that they had toured a large portion of Greenville and Anderson counties, but when they reached the land—the ridge between here and the section in 1911.

where Mr. S. A. Ropchers said it was the best farming section they had seen. They expressed surprise to see such splendid farms and progressive farming. The developments and advances of agricultural interests among our people will measure up with the best. Our lands are as well improved and productive as any to be found, and yet the surprising part is that occasionally some fellow will get Georgia struck or the Texas fever.

Mrs. Caroline Wimpey died on the 22nd Sept. ult. aged about 63 years. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Cross Roads the day following her death, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. M. Looper. She is survived by three children, Mr. Ed Wimpey, Mrs. Mary Lark and Mrs. Mahaffey.

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